

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0043] beginning on page 12, line 2 as follows:

Furthermore, the authentication unit 160 may also increase more than usual the number of the features that are extracted from the face-picture of the user and the face-picture of the person himself respectively. To be more precise, in the features that are extracted from both the face-pictures, for example, the distance between the eyes and the counter of the face are altered to the distance between the eyes, the counter of the face and the shapes of parts of the face such as an eye and a nose by the authentication unit 160. The authentication unit 160 may also change the type of the features that are extracted from the face-picture of the user and the face-picture of the person himself respectively based upon the comparison results by the particular person comparing unit 130.